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The National Republican has a larger daily
circulation than all the other morning papers
of the District combined.

No paper will be issued from this office
to-morrow. This suspension for a day is
due to those who are engaged with us in
the conduct of this business, that they may
participate in the New Year festivities.

The Baltimore Gazette, which no doubt
has quite as much intelligence in regard to
political matters in the Democratic party as
our Democratic cotemporary in Washing-
ton, denies the truth of its cock-and-bull
story about what certain Democratic Sena-
tors will do when Congress reassembles.
The story has had a fishy odor from the first.

The World remarks: "Perhaps Mr. HAYES
will not forget to remember that in about
fourteen months from now the Senate of the
United States will contain at least forty-two
Democratic members." Just so! "Perhaps."
Very much perhaps, we think. We do not
know how far Mr. HAYES—as the World
courtly refers to the President—may agree
with this Senatorial estimate, but we
diagnose the chronic through our prophetic
goggles, as it were, with a difference.

The suit to break the VANDERBILT will
convey a charming little moral to millionaires
who desire to pile all their lucre onto one
child and leave the others out in the cold.
The brothers VANDERBILT are still hard at it
in court, calling each other pet names and
making up all the family fifth they can find to
throw at each other, and at any other VAN-
derbilt happily standing in the line of fire.
The Commodore's widow is conspicuous by a
very pleasant absence from all mention in the
disgraceful affair. It is not often that mother's,
in-law are so fortunate, and the lawyers are
having a high old time over it. *Fid. Juvier, etc.*

ANYTHING for an era of good feeling. It is
respectfully suggested that when Congress
meets there shall be a tea fight given at the
White House, on a stupendous scale of oblong
magnificence and splendid hitherto unknown,
at which the Hon. MONTGOMERY BLAIR shall
be requested to deliver his celebrated lecture
on the political philosophy of tramps. The
Hon. THOMAS WARD can help to point out the
beverage which cheers but not inebriates;
Messrs. LAMAR, HILL, and GORDON can milk
and sugar the company, while the Hon. STAN-
LEY MATTHEWS and CO. ROBERTS can grace-
fully hand round the waffles and doughnuts.
Anything to promote the good of the people.
E. of C. P.

"The Republican party has no negro vote,"
says the New York *Commercial Advertiser*, one
of Mr. CONGRESSIONAL organs. Let the colored
people take notice how speedily their Repub-
lican friends repudiate them when they can
no longer bully the Southern people away
from the polls with Federal bayonets. It is
only the negro vote the Republicans care for,
and, now that he votes as he pleases, they are
remarkably anxious to ship him to the sickly
coast of West Africa. *Louisville Courier-Journal.*

We presume that our New York cotem-
porary only intended its remark in a com-
parative sense, for otherwise it would not
be a fair statement of fact. Throughout
the North and West we have a negro vote,
and we are entitled to and would share a
preponderating negro vote in eight South-
ern States, which, by their shot-gun and
ball-drooping policies, now keep the Repub-
licans, black and white, so far as outrage
can effect it, away from the polls. When
the *Courier-Journal* insinuates that legal
voters have ever been, in any State, "kept
away from the polls with Federal bayonets,"
it simply states that which the truth does
not justify; and so also we may say of its
declaration that "the negro votes as he
pleases." His vote is not controlled by
Democratic intimidation and proscription.
There is no freedom of thought and action
on the part of the negro voter in the South.

1877 and 1878.

We now present our annual salutation to
the readers of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.
Another New Year has come, and as we
step from 1877 to 1878 we are led to ex-
claim with TENNYSON—

These are the changes, Alas! Father, these
Are but the vicissitudes. The rolling year
Is full of Time.

At twelve o'clock last night the Old Year
stepped into eternity to give place to a
new comer, that will bring to the children
of men, we trust, a new and brighter era of
prosperity and happiness. Thus do we
chronicle these changes, one after the other,
as the record of Time counts the years in
its calendar in ceaseless succession. Time
grows old but never weary, while "man is of
few days and full of trouble," and "the
place that now know him will soon know
him no more forever." Many who rejoiced
in the advent of 1877 had gone to their
final rest before the year had completed its
record, and a vast multitude who enjoy "a
happy New Year" at the incoming of 1878
will sleep "the sleep that knows no waking"
before it has counted its twelve months on
the dial of time. In this there is cause for
serious contemplation.

As we enter upon the threshold of the
new year with new purposes, new hopes,
and fresh hopes cluster upon the hour. All
look for a more prosperous and a more happy
New Year than the last twelve months have
afforded. We wish the Chief Magistrate of
the nation a happy New Year, hoping that
as he enters upon the administration of the
Government for 1878 he will invoke Divine
counsel, wisdom, and aid in the conduct of
public affairs, that his measures and policies
may square themselves by the principles of
equal and exact justice to all the people of
the United States. We trust that Divine

guidance will lead him to see the right and
pursue it with unflinching integrity and
consistency of purpose. We trust that a
Higher Power may point him to the im-
portance of preserving a record consistent with
the principles he professed at the time he
accepted public favor, and upon which he
has been borne to the summit of human
honors.

We wish the Cabinet a happy New Year!
hoping and trusting that each will vie with
the other to promote the welfare of the
country and to give pre-eminence to Repub-
lican principles in shaping and controlling
the measures of their respective Depart-
ments, so that they may reflect faithfully
the principles of the party which has clothed
them with the power they exercise in their
several positions.

We wish Congress a happy New Year!
hoping that it may pass laws that will pro-
mote the unity, prosperity, and happiness
of the American people, and secure to the
governed all the blessings that are promised
in the Constitution and guaranteed in our
free institutions.

We wish the American people a happy New
Year! trusting that their Government may
seek the promotion of their interests and se-
cure to them a wise financial policy, the enjoy-
ment of all the rights and privileges vouch-
safed to them by the organic law of the
nation—prominently among which are a
free and untrammelled exercise of the right
of suffrage, and a clear deli and fair race in
the business enterprises of life—and beyond
these security to "life, liberty, and the pur-
suit of happiness."

To our patrons and friends we wish many
happy returns of the joys of this day, trust-
ing that as life wears on apace each may
find their efforts crowned by abundant suc-
cess, and their pathway strewn with the
choicest blessings that a kind Providence
can bestow.

Europe's "Dark and Bloody Ground."

"Belgium is in danger," cries the New
York *Herald*, in an eight-column letter from
Brussels. And an extraordinary letter it is,
if the information it contains be in any way
reliable. Its chief interest lies in the intelli-
gence, which the correspondent announces
as fact, that Imperial Germany is determined
to annex Belgium, or at least to establish a
Berlin protectorate over it, having already
mysteriously succeeded in placing German
officers as engineers on the defensive works
of that important neutrality. Since the
peace of 1815, Belgium has virtually been
owned in fee-simple by England, by con-
sent of the allied monarchies of Europe in
arms against the great NAPOLEON, and so
held as a frontier menace to France.

Times have changed. France and Eng-
land are no longer enemies, but friends.
They have fought side by side against the
Russian, and France has been defeated, but
not conquered, by Germany. The Tenth
is satisfied that the Gaul is only waiting
the opportunity to win back Alsace and
Lorraine, and, jealous of the good feeling of
England toward France, desires to have the
assurance of Belgium as good fighting
ground when the hour for fighting comes.

There is, however, a barrier—a funda-
mental one: The Catholic Church! Cardinal
D'ISMIRAN is Prime of Belgium, and he
hates Prince BISMARCK with a holy and
unfading hatred. Most of the Catholic
bishops and priests exulted in the Ger-
man Premier took refuge in Belgium under
the wing of Cardinal D'ISMIRAN. This
prelate is a political wheeler like BISMARCK,
and has appointed his own men to the Min-
istry of the King of Belgium. All that
goes on there he knows. He has had all the
alloys which had become national prop-
erty restored to the monks proscribed by Ger-
many and Spain, and hence the feeling be-
tween BISMARCK and himself is bitterly
antagonistic. In brief, the Cardinal is
thought to be the only serious obstacle to
BISMARCK and the military rule of Ger-
many in Belgium. War and rumors of
war, like politics, bring together strange
bedfellows. This attempt of Germany
would, of course, bring England to the front,
as Mr. LEMLEY, the British Minister at
Brussels, admits. She would oppose it "in the
best way she could," and if war opened
France would be compelled to go with her as
a fighting ally, or be content to find Germany
in possession of the Belgian line, and, as it
were, within five minutes' walk of Paris on
any fine day. The Catholic Church, too,
would be in the fight for its life in continen-
tal Europe, and singularly enough
bringing all its ultra-mountain power to the
aid of England against what it terms the
anti-Christ spirit of Germany. In past ages
Belgium has been the dark and bloody
ground of Europe, and it is not improbable
this sanguinary pronouncement may be un-
happily restored to it.

The New Year.

"The King is dead—long live the King,"
was the proclamation made in ancient times
when a king passed away, the chamberlain
who did it breaking his rod, the symbol of
his office. Though not the Chamberlain of
1877, we announce its death, and the ac-
cession of the new year 1878. When the clock
ceased to strike twelve one of the atoms
which we use to mark the infinity called
"time" passed away and another com-
menced. It was the official who cried,
"*Le Roi est mort. Vive le Roi!*" as 1877
died and 1878 ascended the vacated throne.

In the many periods of time which we
call "years" that have passed since Anno
Domini "one" but few have been fraught
with greater events than the year that has
just closed. During these long years em-
pires, kingdoms, and republics have arisen,
lived their brief time, and been numbered
with the things of the past, but in none of
the many have so many events been
crowded that were of such vast present and
future importance to the welfare of the
human race.

Our republic, the last effort of man to
form a government founded upon the cor-
rect principle that the governed should gov-
ern, had just passed through a gigantic
struggle with itself for existence, and en-
tered upon its second century. But it en-
tered upon that year in the midst of a still
more portentous struggle than the one
when, with arms in their hands, millions of
its citizens stood face to face upon the battle-
field. That was the struggle of brute force
for the ascendancy; this was the combat
of law against violence; of right against
wrong; and though no embattled armies
faced each other, the resultant effects were
of more import to the future than had all

of art for children. The work before
us is one of peculiar interest. It takes
a little boy and girl, the former a son of
a painter, and the latter a daughter of a
poet, and carries them through a delightful
course of art-reading, study and travel com-
bined, which is romantic and historic as well
as artistic. It is a book which cannot fail to
entertain and instruct all children and youth
who persevere, it while its influence will at
the same time have a refining tendency.

THE STORY OF CREATION—By R. M. CAMP-
BELL, D. D., author of "Across the Desert." Lock-
wood & Co., Boston. For sale by William Hall-
iday.

This story of Creation seems a very desirable
book for present reading. Judging from the
casual glance that we have been able to give
it, we opine that Dr. Campbell is a writer of
the highest intelligence; that while he ad-
heres to the Mosaic or Bible history of creation,
that he is, nevertheless, a close student of all
the revelations of science upon the subject. His
views are expressed with great clearness and
precision, but his design appears to be to reach,
not only unbigoted, but common-sense interpre-
tation of Moses and modern science. Indeed, he
frankly avers as much in his introduction
when he says: "I offer great latitude here to
modern science. This will not strike all my
readers favorably, but time, I think, will justify
the course I have taken. I have lived to see
the nebular hypothesis propounded, disputed,
and at last quite generally accepted. The
development hypothesis seems passing the same
 ordeal. It has not yet, by any means, been
established; but it is every year gaining ground
upon scientific men, and the question is
already upon us—whether, in case of hypoth-
esis, we should maintain the old faith in the Bible,
or some scientific man say no; some zealous religious man say no.
Others, equally wise and equally good, say yes;
the Mosaic cosmogony and the development
hypothesis may be so interpreted as to stand
in perfect harmony. In this work I take my
stand with the latter class, and make my ap-
peal to all honest inquirers and earnest work-
ers, whether in the field of biblical interpreta-
tion or that of scientific research. Whether
we read from the Book-record or from the
inspired Word, the story of creation is essentially
the same." The Bible student who may have
found his faith staggering under the develop-
ments of modern science will experience much
comforting relief by following this admirably
written and intelligently-illustrated work
by Dr. Campbell. The scientific man should also
carefully read it while making his researches,
as it may prove to be to him as a chart is to
the storm-driven mariner.

Russia promises to be the most Krupp Gov-
ernment in the world.

ANYBODY want to be a Commissioner to the
Paris Exposition? *Je n'en parle pas.* Don't
all speak at once.

DON CARLOS seems to have a hard time of it
in Europe. France, like the vigilant police-
man at the corner grocery, has told him to
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The newest styles in dresses are made with
a hollow pocket, through which the train may
be drawn; thus enabling a lady to carry her
train in her pocket, much to the relief of gov-
ernment. But how would a fellow look with
the bottom of his trousers tucked in his coat-tail
pockets?—*Seward's*

FRANCIS BARR, M. de Charette, is about to
leave his post in a French lady, in Paris,
the remarkable thing about the event being
that he is actually in love with her. The baron
is poor, and his bride-elect is almost destitute,
and the match seems very unlikely to be
proposed by adherents to the chosen of his heart.

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